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PATENT APPLICATION

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Title: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A CARRIER FOR CHEMICAL OR
BIOCHEMICAL ASSAYS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time to respond to the Office Action (Paper No. 20050906) dated September 29, 2005 for a period of three (3) months from December 29, 2005 to and including March 29, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

March 28, 2006



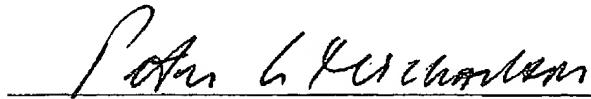
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